

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re: ) Chapter 11  
 )  
W.R. GRACE & Co., et al, ) Case No. 01-1139 (JKF)  
 ) Jointly Administered  
Debtor. )

**TWENTY-FOURTH INTERIM APPLICATION OF CAPLIN & DRYSDALE,  
CHARTERED, COUNSEL TO THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF ASBESTOS  
PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMANTS OF W.R. GRACE & CO., ET AL., FOR INTERIM  
COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES**

Name of Application: Caplin & Drysdale, Chartered

Authorized to Provide  
Professional Services to: The Official Committee of Asbestos  
Claimants of the above-captioned  
debtor and debtor-in-possession

Date of Retention: June 13, 2001 *nunc pro tunc*  
To April 12, 2001

Period for which  
Compensation and  
Reimbursement are sought: January 1, 2007 through  
March 31, 2007

Amount of Compensation  
Sought as actual, reasonable  
And necessary \$913,856.50

Amount of Expense  
Reimbursement sought as  
actual, reasonable  
and necessary \$150,481.47

This is an:   x   interim        final application.

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Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 330 and 331, Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, and the Administrative Order, Pursuant to Sections 105(a) and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals (the "Administrative Order"), the law firm of Caplin & Drysdale, Chartered ("Caplin & Drysdale") hereby submits this Twenty-Fourth interim application ("Twenty-Fourth Interim Application") for an Order awarding it interim compensation for professional legal services rendered as national counsel to the Official Committee of Asbestos Personal Injury Claimants (the "Committee") of the debtor, W. R. Grace & Co., et al., ("Debtor"), in an amount of \$913,856.50, together with reimbursement of Caplin & Drysdale's actual and necessary expenses incurred in the amount of \$150,481.47, for the period commencing January 1, 2007 through March 31, 2007 (the "Application Period"). In support of this Twenty-Fourth Interim Application, Caplin & Drysdale respectfully represents as follows:

**I. JURISDICTION**

1. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1334.

## **II. BACKGROUND**

2. On April 2, 2001 (the "Petition Date"), the Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 11 under Title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

3. From the Petition Date through the date of this Twenty-Fourth Interim Application, the Debtor has continued to operate its businesses and manage its properties as debtor-in-possession, pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.

4. On April 12, 2001, the Office of the United States Trustee appointed the Committee pursuant to section 1102 of the Bankruptcy Code.

5. On May 3, 2001, the Committee filed and served its Application For Entry Of An Order Nunc Pro Tunc As Of April 12, 2001 authorizing the employment of Caplin & Drysdale as national counsel for the Committee. On June 13, 2001, the Court entered an order, approving the retention application.

## **III. RELIEF REQUESTED**

6. Through this Twenty-Fourth Interim Application, Caplin & Drysdale seek allowance and payment of \$913,856.50 in fees for services rendered during the Application Period and reimbursement of \$150,481.47 for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred during the Application Period. Thus, Caplin & Drysdale seeks allowance and payment in the total amount of \$1,064,337.97.

7. Caplin & Drysdale has received no payment and no promises for payment from any source for services rendered during the Application Period in connection with the case. There exists no agreement or understanding between Caplin & Drysdale and any other person for the sharing of any compensation to be received for services rendered by Caplin & Drysdale in the case.

8. All services for which compensation is requested by Caplin & Drysdale pursuant to this Application were performed for or on behalf of the Committee in this case.

9. This is Caplin & Drysdale' Twenty-Fourth Interim Application.

#### **IV. SUMMARY OF SERVICES RENDERED**

10. The professionals at Caplin & Drysdale who have provided services to or for the Committee in this case and their standard hourly rates during the Application Period were as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Years</u> <u>Experience</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Elihu Inselbuch (EI)	Member	45	\$875
Peter V. Lockwood (PVL)	Member	39	\$800
Walter B. Slocombe	Member	38	\$685
Trevor W. Swett (TWS)	Member	26	\$630
Ronald E.Reinsel (RER)	Member	20	\$610
Bernard S. Bailor (BSB)	Member	36	\$600
Nathan D. Finch (NDF)	Member	15	\$580
Christopher S. Rizek (CSR)	Member	25	\$555
Rita C. Tobin (RCT)	Of Counsel	16	\$480
Jeffrey A. Liesemer (JAL)	Of Counsel	14	\$445
James P. Wehner (JPW)	Of Counsel	11	\$425
Danielle K. Graham (DKG)	Associate	6	\$320
Adam L. Van Grack (ALV)	Associate	6	\$275

Jeanna M. Rickards	Associate	3	\$235
Erroll G. Butts (EGB)	Paralegal	12	\$225
David B. Smith (DBS)	Paralegal	4	\$225
Andrew D. Katznelson (ADK)	Paralegal	6	\$195
Samira A. Taylor (SAT)	Paralegal	5	\$185
Kevin M. Carson (KMC)	Paralegal	3	\$185
Carrie D. Kelly (CDK)	Paralegal	1	\$185

11. Caplin & Drysdale has maintained detailed records of the time spent in the rendition of professional services for the Committee during the Application Period. Attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference is a true and correct copy of the monthly billing statement prepared for the services rendered in this case by Caplin & Drysdale (the “Billing Statement”). The Billing Statement is in the same form regularly used by Caplin & Drysdale to bill its clients for services rendered and includes the date that the services were rendered, a detailed, contemporaneous narrative description of the services, the amount of time spent for each service and the designation of the professional who performed the service. In addition, attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference is a summary by category of the professional services provided during the Application Period.

12. As set forth on Exhibits A and B, Caplin & Drysdale rendered 2,173.8 hours of professional services during the Application Period, resulting in legal fees totaling \$913,856.50 and associated reasonable and necessary expenses totaling \$150,481.47.

13. The total value of the services rendered by Caplin & Drysdale as shown on Exhibit B, broken down among the persons rendering the services is as follows\* :

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	<u>Value</u>
Elihu Inselbuch	50.4	\$875	\$43,225.00
Peter V. Lockwood	55.5	\$800	\$41,880.00
Walter B. Slocombe	181.3	\$685	\$122,820.50
Trevor W. Swett	.2	\$630	\$126.00
Ronald E. Reinsel	.2	\$610	\$122.00
Bernard S. Bailor	35.6	\$600	\$18,300.00
Nathan D. Finch	508.7	\$580	\$283,301.00
Christopher S. Rizek	4.0	\$555	\$2,220.00
Rita C. Tobin	19.7	\$480	\$9,456.00
Jeffrey A. Liesemer	128.8	\$445	\$57,316.00
James P. Wehner	214.5	\$425	\$91,162.50
Danielle K. Graham	158.7	\$320	\$50,784.00
Adam L. Van Grack	361.1	\$275	\$97,652.50
Jeanna M. Rickards	52.7	\$235	\$11,162.50
Erroll G. Butts	.8	\$225	\$180.00
David B. Smith	274.0	\$225	\$60,457.50
Andrew D. Katznelson	8.5	\$195	\$1,657.50
Samira A. Taylor	18.0	\$185	\$3,330.00

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\* Nonworking travel time is billed at one-half the attorney's usual hourly rate. See Exhibit A, Task Code .16 for breakdown.

Kevin M. Carson	8.9	\$185	\$1,646.50
Carrie D. Kelly	92.2	\$185	\$17,057.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,173.8</b>		<b>\$913,856.50</b>

14. Set forth below are the rates for the expenses incurred by Caplin & Drysdale for which reimbursement is requested pursuant to this Application, as well as the basis for such rates for the identified expense items:

- a) Copy charges: Caplin & Drysdale charges \$0.10 per page for copies and such charge is based on an analysis of the cost to Caplin & Drysdale to make a copy;
- b) Computer research charges: Caplin & Drysdale passes through on an exact cost basis all computer-assisted research charges; and
- c) Out-going facsimile charges: Caplin & Drysdale charges \$0.15 for each page. These charges are based on an analysis of the cost to Caplin & Drysdale to send facsimile transmissions. Caplin & Drysdale does not pass through to its client's expenses or charges related to incoming facsimile transmissions.

15. Attached hereto as Exhibit C and incorporated herein by reference is a summary by category of the expenses incurred by Caplin & Drysdale for which reimbursement is requested. This information also appears on Exhibit A hereto. Further supporting documentation is available upon request.

16. The general areas in which Caplin & Drysdale has rendered professional services to the Committee during the Application Period in the Case may be broadly characterized as follows:

- a) providing legal advice with respect to the Committee's powers and duties as an official committee appointed under section 1102 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- b) preparing on behalf of the Committee necessary applications, motions, complaints, answers, orders, agreements and other legal papers;
- c) appearing in Court to present necessary motions, applications and pleadings and otherwise protecting the interests of the Committee; and
- d) performing legal services for the Committee necessary and proper in these proceedings.

17. The generality of the foregoing description is amplified on a day-to-day basis by the Billing Statement attached as Exhibit A.

18. Thus, through this Twenty-Fourth Interim Application, Caplin & Drysdale seeks interim allowance and payment of \$913,856.50 in fees and \$150,481.47 in expenses. A Notice of Twenty-Fourth Interim Application will be filed and served on all parties requesting notice under Bankruptcy Rule 2002.

#### **V. ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION**

19. Caplin & Drysdale have endeavored to represent the Committee in the most expeditious and economical manner possible. Further, the professionals at Caplin & Drysdale have coordinated their activities with co-counsel to avoid duplication of effort on behalf of the Committee in the case whenever possible.

WHEREFORE, Caplin & Drysdale, Chartered respectfully requests that the Court enter an Order approving this Application and directing payment of \$913,856.50 in fees and reimbursement



of \$150,481.47 in expenses, and for such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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